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A Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
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Board Endorses Visit to USSR

The Board of Directors has endorsed a trip to the Soviet Union next Fall in conjunction with the Citizen Exchange Corps. The itinerary will include Helsinki, Leningrad, Moscow, Tbilisi, and Tashkent/Samarkand.

The itinerary in the Caucasus and Central Asia will be of interest to those with a special bent toward history, archaeology, magnificent mountain scenery and architecture. The influence of Byzantine and Moslem religion and culture is especially strong in these parts of the world and would provide an exciting contrast to Moscow and Leningrad.

The price for either program will be in the vicinity of \$1800 (unconfirmed) based on a group of 20 or more travelling first class (double occupancy with private bath); three meals per day (breakfast only in Helsinki); round trip APEX airfare from New York (or Boston if booked ahead); all transfers; baggage handling; gratuities; services of leaders and local guides. Theater tickets and excursions to Peterhof and Pavlovsk included.

The Union of Architects in Moscow and Tbilisi have responded positively and enthusiastically to this trip. Irina Shishkina, Vice President of the Union of Architects in Moscow, has promised her full cooperation. It was Madame Shishkina who headed the first delegate of Soviet architects to Boston in 1971.

A slide presentation will be given on November 29th at the BAC for those interested in more information. More details will be in the November *Chapterletter*.

BSA/BSLA Meeting at Children's Museum

There will be a BSA/BSLA meeting on October 10th at the Children's Museum's new wharf site at 300 Congress Street. See the wooden milk bottle up close, view some of the exhibits minus frantic children, have a sumptuous buffet with your fellow architects and landscape architects.

The wharf site is accessible via transit, walking from the South Station area, or drive and park. Program includes social hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with cash bar and greetings from Mike Spock and/or Jim Zien. They will talk about their hopes and aspirations for the new wharf site and its "built environment" exhibits. Buffet at 7:00 p.m.

Send reservations to the BSA office with check payable to the BSA by Friday, October 5th. Cost of dinner is \$8.00. No exceptions can be made for the deadline.

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AIA Urban Planning and Design Committee To Meet in Boston

Scheduled for October 22-24, this conference style/open committee meeting will examine the directions of Urban Design in the 1980's — a decade in which very different pressures than those previously experienced will be placed on urban centers.

A number of distinguished speakers outside of the Committee will address a series of plenary sessions and also join small group discussions. The format includes an introductory historic perspective and plenary sessions on:

- 1) Urban Design — what we've accomplished;
- 2) The People of the '80's — the basis of all urban design decisions in the next decade will be the economic, sociological and demographic makeup of our society;
- 3) Energy and the Built Environment — the issue of energy will be dominant in urban design decisions in the '80's;
- 4) Urban Design: The Next Decade — the exchange of thoughts and concerns about urban design and its impact in the '80's

Registration Form

Directions for the future will begin to emerge in follow-up discussion groups. A final feedback session will synthesize the discussions into a statement of purpose to guide the Committee's future activities.

The following have agreed to speak:

James Marston Fitch
Richard Stein FAIA
George Notter FAIA
David Wallace FAIA
Percival Goodman FAIA
Anthony Pangaro
John Zuccotti, former Deputy Mayor of New York
David O. Meeker FAIA

The major sessions will be held in Boston's historic Faneuil Hall with supplementary space for discussions and a luncheon at Quincy Market nearby. Registration will be held between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. on Monday, October 22nd at Faneuil Hall. The conference will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. Included in the \$50 registration fee are all conference sessions and the luncheon on Monday. The conference will end by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24th. Space requires that attendance be limited to 100.

Return by October 15th to:
John C. Gaillard
AIA Design & Environment Program
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Name (please print) _____
Address _____
Telephone _____

Registration fee is required to reserve a space.

Registration fee is \$50. Please enclose check or money order, made payable to AIA in the appropriate amount. Deadline for receipt of registration is October 15, 1979. Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis, limited to 100. Final date for cancellation is October 15th.

News from President Clancy and the Board of Directors

Annual Meeting Scheduled for November 14

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Boston Society of Architects will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, on the third floor of the Boston Architectural Center. The meeting will be followed by cocktails and dinner; an announcement of the program will appear in the November *Chapterletter*.

The meeting is called to install officers and directors of the Society, receive reports, adopt a budget for 1980, and to transact any other business which may be specified by the Board of Directors or requested in written petition signed by 10 members.

Nominations

In accordance with Article VIII of our Constitution and By-laws, the Nominating Committee of the Boston Society of Architects submits the following list of nominees for the offices designated:

Vice President

To serve one year,
one to be elected
Earl R. Flansburgh FAIA
Thomas M. Payette FAIA

Commissioner of Professional Practice

To serve two years,
one to be elected
John F. Hayes AIA
Walter Eric Kluz AIA

Commissioner of Public Affairs

To serve two years,
one to be elected
Maximilian L. Ferro AIA
Fenton Hollander AIA

Directors at Large

To serve two years,
three to be elected
James G. Alexander AIA
Angus W. Crowe AIA
Stephen Friedlaender AIA
David K. Jacobson AIA
Charles F. Redmon AIA
John Sloan AIA

Representatives to MSAA Executive Committee

To serve one year,
two to be elected
G. W. Terry Rankine FAIA
A. Anthony Tappe AIA

Honors and Awards Committee

To serve three years,
two to be elected
James H. Crissman AIA
Graham Gund AIA
W. Easley Hamner AIA
Paul Stevenson Oles AIA

Nominating Committee

To serve three years,
two to be elected
John M. Clancy AIA
Maurice N. Finegold AIA
James D. McNeely AIA
John F. Miller AIA

Membership Committee

To serve three years,
two to be elected
Emmanuel P. Daskalakis AIA
Sebastian L. LaBella AIA
Kenneth F. DiNisco AIA
Eric G. Twickler AIA

Ethics Committee

To serve three years,
one to be elected
Leonard Notkin AIA
Richard White AIA

Article VIII of the Society's By-laws further states: "Additional nominations may be made in writing over the signatures of not less than seven assigned members in good standing and delivered so as to be received at the office of the secretary not less than twenty days, or postmarked not less than twenty-two days, before the date set for the Annual Meeting. No candidate shall be nominated without his consent."

The deadline for written nominations to be received at the Chapter office is, therefore, October 25, 1979.

Inasmuch as there are dual nominations for most offices, a ballot will be mailed at the end of this month to all eligible to vote in this election. A brief biographical description of each nominee will accompany the ballot.

The Nominating Committee for 1979 is: George M. Notter, Jr. FAIA, Chairman; Peter Steffian AIA, Robert Kramer AIA, Douglas Cole Smith AIA, Joseph L. Eldredge FAIA, and Terry Rankine FAIA.

Membership

Applicants for Membership

Robert A. Cala
Anthony E. Ferragamo
Philip Hresko
Keith M. Millay
Kyu Sung Woo
Paul Richard Yager

Applicant for Associate Membership

Linda S. Trobaugh

Transfers from Boston

David P. Habib AIA to Dallas Chapter
Masao Kinoshita AIA to Columbus Chapter
Donlyn Lyndon FAIA to Northern California Chapter
Richard C. Rosane AIA to Vermont Chapter

Meeting on "Taxbreaker" Bill

Representative Gerald Cohen, Chairman of the Committee on Taxation, will be present at a breakfast on October 12th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Hotel Lenox in Boston to discuss the proposed 7½ percent tax on professional services, including architects and engineers. Last year Representative Cohen was Chairman of the Committee investigating the University of Massachusetts construction contract with MBM.

This meeting is sponsored by the Design Professionals Government Affairs Council of which the MSAA is a member. The other participating groups are the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, the Consulting Engineers Council of New England, the Massachusetts Society of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers, and the Massachusetts Society of Professional Engineers.

All members are invited. The charge for breakfast is \$7.00. Checks should be made payable to MSPE and mailed to 80 Boylston Street, Boston 02116 to be received by October 10th.

The Building Code Monitor

Mr. Eisenberg is serving as a code consultant to the MSAA. His report is too long for inclusion in this format. Any member wishing a full report or assistance in making any code changes should call the Chapter office. The other items are Licensing of Construction Supervisors and State Environmental Code Title 5.

Actions by the State Building Code Commission (SBCC) on May 15th provided that wood stoves must be labeled after June 30, 1979 and that a modified label may be used until September 30, 1979 for wood stoves meeting UL1482 and UL737 Standards. After September 30, 1979, all solid fuel burning appliances for sale in Massachusetts must be labeled in accordance with the regulations adopted for the testing of such devices.

The next public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 1979 at 1:00 p.m. at the McCormack State Office Building, One Ashburton Place, Boston, in the 21st Floor Conference Rooms. This is the annual meeting at which proposed code changes will be heard and acted upon in accordance with the policy of issuing amendments only once a year. About 30 revisions have been submitted, most of them by the staff in order to correct typographical errors or clarify certain wording. Changes must be submitted on the Code Provision Proposal Forms in the Code Book and additional forms may be obtained from the SBCC office.

*Herbert W. Eisenberg AIA
Reporter*

Energy Memo

Lt. Governor Tom O'Neill has identified Energy and Housing as new initiatives for his second term in office. Judith Kurland, who directed his Office of Federal-State Relations for four years, is now in charge of the new Office of Special Projects and Policy, which will be responsible for some new directions. In energy, O'Neill's efforts (centering on conservation and use of renewables) have recently been given a boost by a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, specifically to host a series of conferences and seminars throughout the Commonwealth.

The Lt. Governor's Office also puts out a bi-monthly Newsletter entitled THE ENERGY LINK, which contains information about the latest federal energy funding opportunities/regulatory actions national energy initiatives/new publications/legislation and energy developments around the country at the grass-roots level.

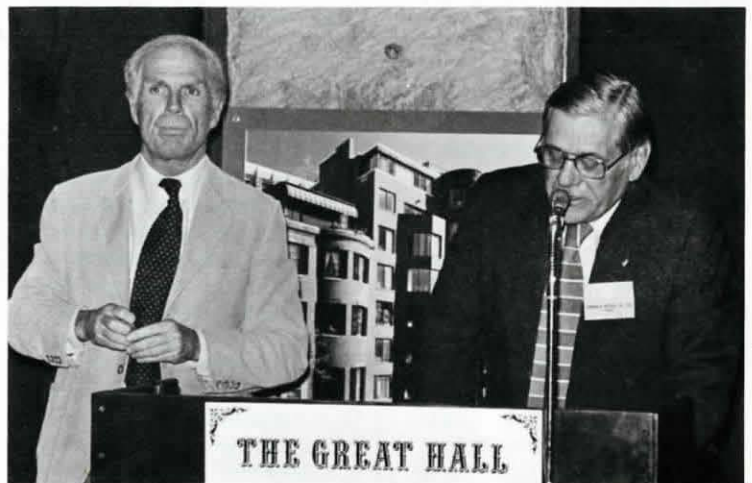
For copies, contact Larry Tye c/o Mass Office of Federal-State Relations, 444 N. Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Don Brown AIA



Mitchell, Thompson

David Webber Photo



White, Mitchell

David Webber Photo

AIA Board in Boston

President Ehrman Mitchell FAIA presents certificates to Benjamin Thompson FAIA and Mayor Kevin White in recognition of the outstanding contribution of each to the City of Boston.

BAC Library

News from the Chapter Office

Calendar

September 17-October 5

"Unbuilt-in-Boston" exhibit at BAC

October 17

Affiliate Membership Program:
"Vanishing Boston" by Robert G. Neiley AIA

November 14

BSA Annual Meeting

November 30

Professional Liability Course
sponsored by AIA/NSPE will be
offered in Boston

December 16-21

5th World Congress of Engineers
and Architects in Israel

Bob Neiley To Speak To Affiliate Members

Bob Neiley AIA, a well known architect in the field of Historic Preservation, will present a program entitled "Vanishing Boston" at the BAC on Wednesday, October 17th at 5:00 p.m. This lecture and slide presentation will focus on buildings which have been lost as well as those on the endangered list. Bob will also discuss possible re-uses for many buildings. All members of the BSA are invited. Cash bar and reception will follow.

Search Committee

The School of Architecture of the Boston Architecture Center seeks a Chairperson. This is a unique, accredited, professional school that grants a Bachelor of Architecture degree. It has a concurrent 6 year work/study program, 180 volunteer faculty members, and 550 students. Submit all recommendations and letters of interest by November 15, 1979 to: Fay DeAvignon, Chairperson/Search Committee, BAC, 320 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02115. The BAC has always been an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Energy Code Consultation and Review Service

The office of the State Building Code Commission is offering an energy code compliance consultation review service to check for compliance with the energy conservation provisions of the State Building Code. The purpose of the plan review service is to assist architects/engineers/contractors/building inspectors with understanding the requirements for energy conservation in building design. This service should streamline the building permit application process by having design documents code-complete with appropriate submission materials at the time of application.

There is no charge for either the energy consultation or plan review services. For further information contact either David R. Miller or Patrick Fallon at the State Building Code Commission: (617) 727-6916.

Position Available

The Designer Selection Board is seeking an Executive Secretary. Duties include establishing project criteria and reviewing project scope. Will review qualifications and selection of architects and engineers and carry out policies and procedures of the Board. Works under the direct supervision of the Deputy Commissioner of Central Services and the Chairman of the Designer Selection Board who assigns responsibilities and reviews work for performance in relationship to assigned tasks. May exercise general supervision over a small number of clerical employees, and will have responsibility for coordinating as necessary design and construction activities of a number of agencies. For more information, contact David Carlson AIA, DSB Chairman, at 727-4054.

BAC Tour of France

The BAC Tour Committee is planning a tour to France between January 12 and 27, 1980. The tour will visit Paris and several French provinces and will cover Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Neo-Classical and Modern architecture (including several Le Corbusier sites). The cost will be \$895. Anyone interested please call Peggy Martin at the BAC: 536-3170.

Space Available

2,050 sq. ft. rentable area in downtown Boston. Finished open space in handsomely refurbished building. Heat, a.c., private restrooms. 10 minute walk to Quincy Market area. Contact Ms. Smith at 742-4100 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Preserving Architectural Records

In May 1979 the Massachusetts Committee for the Preservation of Architectural Records received a Federal grant to conduct a pilot survey of architectural drawings and records held by firms and private collections in Greater Boston. The Committee's aim is to locate and preserve the records of early firms as a permanent reference resource for architects, building officials, historians and the general public. On the basis of its survey experience the Committee will advise newer firms on ways of organizing and preserving their records. Libraries and archives interested in acquiring architectural records are being identified as repositories for endangered material.

Mass COPAR is a group of architects, librarians, archivists, preservationists, and historians from the Boston area. Their goal is to locate, survey, and preserve the records of individual architects and firms, both past and present. Anyone who wishes to contribute to the survey, wants additional information about COPAR, or who knows of private collections in the hands of retired architects or their descendants should contact the Project Director, Mass COPAR, P.O. Box 129, Cambridge, MA 02142